

REMARKS

This Amendment B is responsive to the Office Action mailed Sept. 22, 2006. Applicants ask for reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-10, 12, 14-21, and 26-31 as set forth herein.

The Status of the Claims

Claims 2-10, 14-21, and 26-31 are allowed.

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins, III et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,547,249 (hereinafter "Collins") in view of Tsai, U.S. Patent No. 6,966,674 (hereinafter "Tsai").

The Claims Patentably Distinguish over the References

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indicated allowance of claims 2-10, 14-21, and 26-31, and agree that these claims are properly allowed. These claims are unmodified herein, except that claim 14 has been placed into independent form including all limitations of base claim 15. It is respectfully submitted that the allowed status of claim 14 is unaffected.

Rejected claim 12 is canceled herein. However, Applicants reserve the right to pursue this claim in a future continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part application.

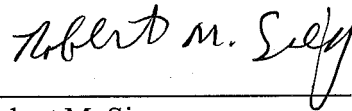
It is respectfully submitted that the application is now fully in condition for immediate allowance, and Applicants earnestly request an expedited allowance of the application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application including claims 2-10, 14-21, and 26-31 as set forth herein are in condition for allowance, and therefore earnestly request expedited allowance of claims 2-10, 14-21, and 26-31 as set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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